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IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the progress of implementation of new coal projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for delay in their execution as per original time schedule, project-wise;

(c) whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives to cut down delay in acquisition of land and avoidance of litigation for new coal mines projects by revising the existing policy; and

(d) if so, the details of reforms finalised / under consideration ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir. Review of major coal projects i.e. projects costing Rs.100 crores and above is conducted on quarterly basis by an Inter-Ministerial Committee headed by Secretary (Coal)and having members from Planning Commission, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Ministry of Environment & Forests. Central Sector Projects including coal projects costing Rs.20 crores and above are also monitored by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation based on the inputs provided by the respective companies.

Quarterly review of major coal projects was last held in Ministry of Coal on 18.7.2000.

(b) The details of major coal projects reviewed alongwith reasons for delay in their implementation against their original time schedule are given in the Annexure.

(c)&(d) To cut down delays in acquisition of land certain amendments in the Land Acquisition Act 1894 are being studied by a Group of Ministers. Lands for coal mining projects are acquired under the CBA Act 1957. After any amendments are carried out in Land Acquisition Act 1894, Ministry of Coal may consider amending CBA Act 1957 for facilitating speedier acquisition of land for coal mining projects.